



OLDERFLEET PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER – 4TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Good Afternoon parents, pupils and the wider Olderfleet Community,

I would like to welcome you all back to Olderfleet and to the beginning of this new academic year.

Our return to school is not like any other, and there are a few changes that will take time to get used to, but I know our community will rise to the occasion and support our school through these strange times.

I am so proud of our pupils who showed great courage on their first day. They entered our gates in great spirits and it was fantastic to see them interacting with their peers.

A warm welcome to our new Year 1 pupils and their families. It is a pleasure to have you and to be part of our Olderfleet family.

Our teachers have worked tirelessly to create a happy and positive learning environment, so our pupils can be part of high quality learning experiences, in a caring and supportive environment.

There will be difficult times ahead but I want to assure you that teachers, classroom assistants, ancillary staff, Board of Governors and I have worked together to mitigate risks to our pupils. I cannot say that the risk is not there, however we have plans in place that are ready to be utilised if they are needed.

'We cannot stop the waves, but we can all learn to surf.'

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours in Education,
B. Harvey
Acting Principal

ParentPay

Please ensure that all school meals are booked in advance for school meals. We are aware that there is a backlog on the processing of applications for FSM so these will be booked by the school office until this is completed. Please let the office know if your child requires a free school meal.

ATTENTION

Please adhere to our new requirements for drop-off / pick-up. We would appreciate if you would use the carpark as we are mindful of our neighbours. Please also adhere to social distancing measures around the school. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Queries

All queries relating to Olderfleet PS should, in the first instance, be directed to Mrs Montgomery in the school office. Contact amontgomery187@c2kni.net or the school office on 28 276524. Queries regarding school work can be directed to your child's class teacher via SeeSaw.

Cool4School Photography

Our school photographers will be in Olderfleet on Tuesday 15th September to take individual school photographs. Family photos will not be taken at this time. Classes will remain in their bubble and cleaning regulations will be adhered to between pupils.

Child Protection and Safeguarding

Please remember that concerns about your own or another child outside as well as inside school should be reported in the first instance to – **Mrs Brownlees – (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Safeguarding)**. If you have immediate concerns outside school time (weekends, holidays, evenings) do not hesitate to call – **Gateway on 94424377**.

School Meal Menu W/B 7th September

Mon – Steak Burger in Bap, Sweetcorn, Peas, Diced Potato / Yoghurt & Fruit

Tues – Pasta Bolognese, Carrots Sticks, Crusty Bread / Choc Sponge & Choc Sauce

Wed – Breaded Fish, Peas, Chips or Baked Potato / Yoghurt & Fruit

Thurs – Roast Chicken, Carrots & Parsnips, Creamed & Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy / Biscuit, Fruit & Milkshake

Fri – Sausages, Beans, Creamed Potatoes / Muffin & Fruit

AQE

We have been advised that AQE examinations will now take place in January 2020. The new dates are

**Saturday 9th January 2021;
Saturday 16th January 2021;
Saturday 23rd January 2021.**

The closing date for applications to enter the AQE assessments will be **Friday, 9th October 2020**

The date of the issue of results to parents will be **Saturday, 6th March 2021**

School Holidays 2020/2021

Friday 25th September

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January

Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

Monday 29th March – Friday 9th April

Monday 3rd May

Monday 31st May & Tuesday 1st June